

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT
PANEL B

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IN RE: **NATHAN THOMAS WILLIAMS**
ARKANSAS BAR ID #98159
CPC Docket No. 2007-902

FINDINGS AND ORDER OF RECIPROCAL SUSPENSION

The formal charges of misconduct upon which this Order is premised arose from the information provided by The Supreme Court of Illinois concerning the suspension from the practice of law in Illinois of Nathan Thomas Williams, Illinois Registration No. 6276891, for a period of two (2) years, effective June 8, 2007. The information was received in the Office of Professional Conduct on August 17, 2007, from the Clerk of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, and not from Mr. Williams. Mr. Williams is also licensed in the State of Missouri.

Mr. Williams' former spouse, Missouri attorney Margaret Murphy Williams, had reported the substantially similar conduct by Mr. Williams to Arkansas in July 2005, where it was assigned file #T2005-472. Upon notice that both Missouri and Illinois were pursuing the same conduct, which substantially occurred in Missouri, Arkansas held the complaint in abeyance pending action in one of the other states. Additionally, Mr. Williams' Arkansas law license has been administratively suspended since 2002 for non-payment of his annual Supreme Court license fee and since March 27, 2003, for his non-compliance with the Arkansas CLE Rule requirement.

The Committee on Professional Conduct (Committee) has been provided a certified copy of the Order (copy attached) entered by the Supreme Court of Illinois on May 18, 2007, with an effective date of June 8, 2007. As a result of that Order, Nathan Thomas Williams, an attorney now residing in Green Bay, Wisconsin, was suspended from the practice of law in the State of Illinois for a period of two (2)

years effective June 8, 2007.

Pursuant to Section 14.A. of the Procedures of the Arkansas Supreme Court Regulating Professional Conduct of Attorneys at Law (2002), the suspension of any person from the practice of law in any other state shall operate as a suspension of such person from the practice of law in this State under any license issued to such person by the Arkansas Supreme Court prior to his or her suspension in such other state. Upon presentation of a certified order or other proper document of a tribunal or corresponding disciplinary authority of another jurisdiction evidencing suspension, the Committee by summary proceedings shall cause a like sanction to be imposed and shall notify the Clerk of such action. Notice of the Committee's action shall be sent to the attorney's mailing address of record with the Clerk.

Upon consideration of the certified Order from the Supreme Court of Illinois and the Procedures of the Arkansas Supreme Court Regulating the Professional Conduct of Attorneys at Law, the Committee on Professional Conduct, Panel B, finds:

1. That Nathan Thomas Williams, by his consent, was suspended for a period of two (2) years from the practice of law in the State of Illinois effective June 8, 2007.
2. That Nathan Thomas Williams was licensed to practice law in the State of Arkansas in 1998, which is prior to the date of his present suspension in the State of Illinois.
3. That pursuant to the mandate of Section 14 of the Procedures of the Arkansas Supreme Court Regulating Professional Conduct of Attorneys at Law (2002), the Committee is imposing a like suspension of two (2) years of the law license of Nathan Thomas Williams to practice law in the State of Arkansas effective as of the date this Findings and Order is filed with the Clerk of the Arkansas Supreme Court.

WHEREFORE, it is the decision and order of the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct, through Panel B, that the Arkansas law license of a **NATHAN THOMAS WILLIAMS**, Arkansas Bar ID #98159, be, and hereby is, **RECIPROCALLY SUSPENDED** for a **period of TWO (2) YEARS**. The suspension shall be effective as of the date this Order is filed with the Clerk of the Arkansas Supreme Court. Mr. Williams shall not be reinstated to the practice of law in Arkansas until a Petition for Reinstatement has been granted by a Panel of the Committee on Professional Conduct.

ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE
ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

By: _____

Henry Hodges, Chair, Panel B

Date: _____

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